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Hongkong, February 6, 1896.

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J. W. R. TAYLOR,
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Hongkong, December 18, 1895. 228

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INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 16, 1895. 340

HONGKONG AND SEANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND, \$5,000,000.

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1895. 343

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ducted by the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-

TION. Rules may be obtained on ap-

plication.

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Corporation.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai

Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, October 22, 1895. 1711

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Hongkong, April 8, 1895.

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Hongkong, April 8, 1895.

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J. TATAM.

Hongkong, February 11, 1896.

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SOFT ATTENTION.

WATSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 11, 1896.

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Entertainments.



Under the Distinguished Patronage and in the Presence of His Excellency Vice-Admiral BULLER, J.B.

Popular Ballad Concert,

In Aid of THE 'EDGAR' RELIEF FUND, BY SIGNORINA BELINFANTE, ASSISTED BY Surg. Major HAYES, D.S.O., Dr. MEADOWS, Mr. DANNEHORN, and Mr. W. F. CHOW,

On SATURDAY, Feb. 15,

at 9.15 p.m.

TICKETS—\$2 (Reserved) and \$1—may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., Hongkong, February 8, 1890. 321



THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB WILL GIVE A THIRD PERFORMANCE OF

'TRIAL BY JURY' AND 'Creatures of Impulse,' ON

SATURDAY, 22nd February, Commencing at 9.30 p.m. precisely.

TICKETS can be obtained at the THEATRE ROYAL, and after Saturday, the 15th February, at 9.30 a.m. Booking Office open from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Except on Race Days, when it closes at Noon.

Prices \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00.

The Public are Reminded that NO CHITS WILL BE TAKEN at the Booking Office.

LATE TRAMS 15 Minutes after Performance.

Hongkong, February 11, 1890. 330

To-day's Advertisements.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

In the Matter of the HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED AND REDUCED.

AND

In the Matter of the Companies Ordinances, 1877 and 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, dated the 12th day of February, 1890, confirming the Reduction of the Capital of the above-named from \$1,050,000 to \$1,200,000, and the MINUTE (approved by the Court) showing with respect to the CAPITAL of the Company as ALTERED the Several Particulars required by the above-mentioned Ordinances were registered by the REGISTRAR of Companies on the 12th day of February, 1890. And further TAKE NOTICE that the said MINUTE is in the words following:—

The Capital of the HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED AND REDUCED is \$1,200,000 divided into 80,000 Shares of \$15 each. At the time of the registration of this MINUTE the sum of \$15 has been and is to be deemed to be paid-up on each of the said Shares.

Dated the 12th day of February, 1890.

VICTOR H. DEACON, Solicitor for the Company.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

TAKE NOTICE that SHAREHOLDERS can obtain WARRANTS for the RETURN of CAPITAL on Application THREE DAYS after leaving their Script at the OFFICE of the Company for Endorsement, but no Script will be received before the 16th FEBRUARY, 1890.

The WARRANTS will only be made out in the Names of those SHAREHOLDERS whose Names appear on the Script at the time of presentation, unless it is desired to have the Shares transferred at the same time.

Dated this 12th day of February, 1890.

T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 11, 1890. 348

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, at the Residence of Mr. C. HOLDENSWORTH, Mica Works, Shaukiwan Road, on

MONDAY, the 17th day of February, 1890, at 2.30 p.m.—

Under Writ of Execution,

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

POULTRY, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1890. 349

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from S. H. Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 18th February, 1890, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at 'Easby,' Upper Richmond Road, the Residence of HENRY HUMPHREYS, Esq.,—

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in TAPESTRY, FANCY and TEA TABLES, OVERMANTEL, BOOK CASE and BOOKS, WHITING DEX, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, CUSHION, CARPETS, RUGS, BRAIDS, ETC., &c.

COTTAGE PIANO, &c.

SIDEBOARD, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, WHITNOTS, MARCOU COVRED ARMCHAIRS, DINNER and DESSERT SERVICES, ELECTRIC LIGHT and GLASSWARE, CUTLERY, &c.

PANTRY REQUIREMENTS, &c.

DOUBLE-ARM BEDHEADS, &c., WARDROBES with PLATE GLASS DOORS, MARBLE TOP, WASHERDADS, DRESSING TABLES and SUNDAY BED-ROOM FURNITURE, &c., &c.

BATH-ROOM REQUIREMENTS, &c.

PLANTS, &c., &c.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale. On View from Sunday, the 16th February.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1890. 350

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from S. H. Public Auction, on

FRIDAY, the 26th day of February instant, at 12 o'clock Noon.—

(Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract),

On Board,

THE BRITISH SCREW STEAMER

BONNINGTON,

of 1,331 Tons Register—as she now lies in this Harbour.

In One Lot, comprising the HULL, MACHINERY, MASTS, FITTINGS and FURNISHINGS, CABLES and ANCHORS, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—One third of the Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer and the remainder within one week from date of Sale.

The Vessel and everything pertaining thereto to be at Purchaser's risk immediately after being knocked down.

For further Particulars, apply to

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers,

or

GILMAN & CO., Lloyds Agents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1890. 350

To-day's Advertisements.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH,

SAKIM, MASSAWAH, BODEDDA,

ADEN, BOMBAY,

PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Maria Teresa having arrived,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN CO., LTD., whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From SULAWESI, ex.s.s. Agafia, transhipped at COLOMBO. From TRIESTE, ex.s.s. Imperator, transhipped at BOMBAY.

From VENICE, ex.s.s. Misamisano, transhipped at TRIESTE. From TAPPA, ex.s.s. Viceroy, transhipped at PORT SAID.

Optional Cargo will go to SHANGHAI unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 10th INSTANT, OR THEY WILL NOT BE ENROUTE.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 10th INSTANT will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER & CO., Agents.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship Triton,

Captain RAMSEY, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd INSTANT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 12, 1890. 351

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessel	Agents	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Taiyuan (s.)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 18, at 3 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Cal.	Prinz Heinrich (s.)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	March 3, at 9 a.m.
London & Ports of Cal.	Padlo (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 13, at noon.
London & Suez Canal	Diamond (s.)	Butterfield & Swire	March 2.
London & Suez, &c.	Nightingale (s.)	Holiday, Wise & Co.	About Feb. 17.
London and Hamburg	Neptun (s.)	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	About Feb. 24.
London	Borneo (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 6.
Manila	Yuenlong (s.)	Measurers Maritimes	Feb. 15, at 5 p.m.
Manilles, & Suez Canal	Caledonian (s.)	Dowell, Carrill & Co.	Feb. 19, at 10 a.m.
New York	Port Adelais (s.)	Carlottas & Co.	About Feb. 28.
New York, & Suez Canal	Port Adelais (s.)	Carlottas & Co.	About Feb. 18, at noon.
North America	Port Adelais (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 3, at noon.
North America	Port Adelais (s.)	Shaw & Co.	Quick despatch.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	Butterfield & Swire	February 19.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	Sander & Co.	About Feb. 13.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	March.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	Siemssen & Co.	About March 3.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 14, at 3 p.m.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 18, at noon.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	Not P.C.C. & Co.	March 10, at noon.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	Butterfield & Swire	February 24.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	Butterfield & Swire	February 19.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	Tsain (s.)	February 22.
Port Adelais (s.)	Port Adelais (s.)	Tsain (s.)	February 22.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail Steamer leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Local Banks close.

Insurance Offices close.

Notice of Optional Cargo per Maria Teresa to be sent in before Noon.

Goods per Catherine Apar undelivered after this date landed.

MEMOS. FOR FRIDAY.

Meeting.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 27th instant, inclusive.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 15.—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

3.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Works of Art, at Mr. Gao, Mr. Lummer's.

Goods per Santa undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Transfer Books of The Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 19th instant.

10.15 p.m.—Concert at the City Hall.

MONDAY, February 17.—

Noon.—Meeting

"MERCOUT," in *St. James's Budget*, alludes to the absence of any reference in the *Athensian* to Mr Alfred Austin's appointment to the *Leisure* ; a singular omission by what is supposed to be the leading literary organ. "Mercout" adds: "Another gentleman who has been severely reprimanded during the week is the author of the *review* of 1895 literature in *The Daily News*. He speaks of Canon Farrar ; of Mr Yeats, meaning Mr W. B. Yeats ; and he also remarks that "Mr Crockett has continued to throw his dry light" on Scottish character in "Ian MacLaren." Of course everybody should know that Ian MacLaren is not a book—that is, everybody who follows the ramifications of "Kail-Tard" literature. The few who do not so well regard the mistake as a very little one. It is not so very long ago that a lady at Mistle's was not quite sure whether she wanted "The Sleekit Minister" by Crockett, or "The Crocket Minister" by Sleekit."

On Monday the case against the Chinaman who was convicted, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment for stealing a bangle, the property of Miss Trapp, residing at the Peak, was heard by Mr T. Sercombe Smith, when further evidence was produced giving conclusive proof of the bangle being in prisoner's possession. A silver-smith, named Lai Hing, carrying on business at 11, Queen's Road Central, innocently gave evidence that prisoner had sold the bangle to him to be melted down, and he has now been involved in the crime. The Magistrate confirmed his previous sentence. Inspector Welch charged the silver-smith to-day with receiving stolen goods. Accused stated that he did not know it had been stolen, but the Magistrate replied that he must have known the man did not get it rightly when he accepted £5 for an article that had been valued at £17.50. He said the receiver of stolen goods was a much more dangerous person than the person who stole the goods, as he offered inducement to steal. He therefore sentenced the accused to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. The bangle—or at least the nugget of gold representing it—has been returned to Miss Trapp.

For nearly two years a Bangkok paper—the *Siamese Observer*, the property of W. A. Goonatilleke, a Singalese solicitor—has been publishing telegrams sent across country from Rangoon. It is alleged that the telegrams are "pirated" from Reuter's Far Eastern service, and the protests of Mr Charles Thorne, the proprietor of the *Bangkok Times*, whose legitimate service from Reuter has been discounted somewhat by the opposition service, have at last borne fruit, for Reuter, who was so slow to protect his own interests in Hongkong, has now stopped in and raised an action in the British Consular Court at Bangkok, seeking to restrain Mr Goonatilleke from publishing the alleged Reuter telegrams. Preliminary motions have been raised, the latest being that the plaintiff company should deposit £200 sterling as security for costs. Mr Thorne undertake to be personally responsible for the costs. Mr Goonatilleke's lawyer submitted that Mr Thorne's was not a good security, a statement which was promptly rejected by Mr French, who said: "It is ridiculous to suppose that, for such a small amount, a man in Mr Thorne's well-known position in Bangkok should be refused the privilege of asking for, or substituting his own responsibility for that of the plaintiff company." It was ultimately decided that Mr Thorne should give a bond for £100 as security for the plaintiff's costs. The point to be fought out in the Consular Court is important, and the issue of the case will be looked for with interest throughout the East. It is desirable that a company like Reuter's Telegram Company should have every protection afforded it.

It seems rather a pity (states the *Globe*) that only about £150 have come in for the relief of the relatives of the seamen lost by the capsizing of the *Edgar*'s launch. At the same time, we have little or no doubt that many people withhold their subscriptions, thinking that the necessary money should be derived from service sources. The Soldiers and Sailors' Families' Association has given £100, which is very liberal, and says that that is all it can do, and appeals to the public for more.

According to a contemporary, analyses have been made of 13 coal samples taken from the chief Witwatersrand coal basin, comprising the Springs Colliery, Vogelton Colliery and Breakaway Colliery. Each sample consisted of a bag of 200 lbs. of coal, which was burnt separately, and the ashes of each of these bags were carefully analysed by a chemist. They produced from more traces of gold to 5 dwt. 5 grains of gold per ton of coal. The mean between the extremes is 5 dwt., while the average of the 13 samples was upwards of 2 dwt. Similar results are to be made on a much larger scale, and Europe, in order to test the yield of gold by samples taken at 40 or 50 different places, and by several thorough analyses by different chemical methods, and the results will be known in not too long a time.

How great a price a country has to pay, if it goes to war without adequate preparation, is well shown by a paper of Mr Giffen on the cost of the Franco-German struggle of 1870-1. says: *The Navy League Journal*. That was caused France a loss of £995,000,000, while Germany secured an actual gain of no less than £174,000,000. The direct expenditure upon the war was for France £134,000,000; for Germany £80,000,000. The loss to France was no less than £10 per head of the population, or £70 per household. "Such," concludes the writer, "is the difference made to a country, firstly by being unprepared, and so having to spend more heavily, and secondly by being the rest of the way."

FOOTBALL.
H.M.S. "ALACHY" v. H.M.S. "FLOWER." This match was played yesterday afternoon, and, after a fast and closely-contested game, resulted in a win for the yachtsmen by 3 goals to 2. The sterling defence of the *Buggy*'s custodian prevented what would most assuredly have been a crushing defeat. The safe kicking of Bonniville back on the *Alachy*'s side, and the spirited play on the part of the *Flower* forwards elicited the warm applause of the spectators.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.
SEVENTH CLUB RACE.
The usual Sunday weather was again experienced, calm and light winds in one part of the harbour and a good breeze in another; at one time a west wind and at another a north. The course was:—From the Police Pier, Kowloon, round Chuanlau Rocks, Kowloon Rocks, Dinghy of Pier—leaving all to starboard—(twice round); 13 miles.

The starters were *Payne*, *Dart*, *Ladybird*, *Stella*, *Erica*, *Meteor*, *Princess* and *Eileen*. A light west wind circled the boats past Blackhead Point into a fresh north wind. *Erica*, *Princess* and *Ladybird* going well to the north, *Payne* keeping to the Hongkong side and the rest taking a middle course. *Payne* rounded the Chuanlau Rocks with a lead of about a minute from *Erica*, with *Princess* and *Ladybird* close up, and *Meteor* not about 2 minutes astern of the leader. In the beat up to the Kowloon Rock, *Erica* and *Meteor* went into first and second places and *Ladybird* passed *Payne* and *Princess*, the latter being fifth at this point. The same order was kept to the mark boat, except that for a short time *Meteor* was ahead off Blackhead's Point, but the mark boat was round first by *Erica*. *Meteor* passed *Erica* after rounding the mark, and kept in first place to the finish. *Princess*, *Dart*, *Stella* and *Eileen* gave up after the first round, being hopelessly astern. In the Handicapped class the *Arrow* started, but carried away her topmast after the first round and gave up. The times were as follows at the finish:—

H. M.
Meteor 3 9
Erica 3 10
Ladybird 3 29
Payne 3 32

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.
We understand that the executive of the London College of Music have decided to establish in Hongkong a "Local Centre" for the examination of students in music. The College has Local Representatives in nearly 360 Provincial Centres, comprising the chief cities and towns in the United Kingdom, as well as in Canada, the United States and the Colonies. There are two distinct departments of the College. The Educational Department provides a complete Musical Education—for students of all ages, and from the most elementary to the most advanced stage in Vocal and Instrumental Music, Theory and Composition. The lectures are musicians of the highest attainments, and the system of teaching is similar to that in use in the Continental Conservatories of Music. The Examination Department of the College has for its objects the examining of Students in Practical and Theoretical Music, Certificates and Diplomas being granted to those who successfully pass the required examinations, while those who gain high distinction are awarded medals or book prizes. Examinations are held not only in theory and piano playing, but in solo singing, organ playing, violin, violoncello, mandolin and guitar.

There are numerous students possessing the highest attainments, whose abilities it having been tested are unable to obtain distinctions to which they are entitled. The Examining branch of the College is designed to obtain for all properly qualified Music Students the rewards their merits deserve. The value of the work so long and successfully carried on by the College has been very generally recognised, and large numbers of Candidates, residing in all parts of the Kingdom have presented themselves at each successive examination. The examinations are rapidly rising in the public estimation.

The examinations of the London College of Music is a sure guarantee of the proficiency of the student, and has frequently gained the holder some valuable appointment. The date of the first examination to be held before the Council are still considering the appointment of a Local Examiner in Practical Music. We hope, however, that a large number of candidates will present themselves, and that teachers of music will recognise the value of these examinations as offering an incentive to increased diligence and attention on the part of the student. The study of music has become so popular that it has been successfully passed, the student receives a certificate of Proficiency in accordance with qualifications displayed. The Certificate of the London College of Music is a sure guarantee of the proficiency of the student, and has frequently gained the holder some valuable appointment.

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Owing to increase of business, W. Robinson and Co. have removed their Piano and Organ showroom to Connaught House, large stock—low prices.

THE CHINESE SERVANT QUESTION.
Our correspondent, C. O. Q., has raised the old question of the registration of domestic servants, and there are, we think, little difference of opinion on the necessity for devising some method whereby the thief, who, as domestic servants, are scattered throughout the Colony carrying on their nefarious practices with impunity, may be kept better in hand. We cannot believe that nothing can be done to check the evils which the Captain Superintendent of Police is doing with his grapple honest with a difficult subject he has offered a solution, and we think his proposal is worthy the serious consideration of the Legislative Council. It would come perhaps best of all from the Unofficial Members to bring forward a measure in the Legislative Council. There is not much done in the way of Private Bill Legislation; here is an opportunity for an Unofficial to signalise his term of office.

CORESPONDENCE.—

THE CHINESE SERVANT QUESTION.
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
Hongkong, Feb. 12, 1896.

Sir,—As an old subscriber to your paper, I trust that you will not use your influence to further any such suggestion as that put forward by C. O. Q. in your issue to-day.

Goodness knows, the difficulty of obtaining good servants is great enough without being added to by branding them with a license and subjecting them to the inquisitive supervision of the Police. If the Chinese servants were at all likely to be encouraged by a close acquaintance with the Foreign Police, as "C. O. Q." seems to hope, well and good; but I feel sure that the only result of licensing would be to drive the good ones out of service and leave the field free for the free lances.

During my seventeen years' residence in the Colony, I have, I must admit, had one or two unfortunate experiences with servants, but in the main I have been well served—much better than is usual at home—and I fancy there must be some fault with "C. O. Q."s" domestic arrangements to account for his continual difficulties.

I have been too long in China to to know the weak points of Chinese servants and how to circumvent their indications, and more than long enough to feel sure that a system of licensing would put a lever into the hands of capricious masters that would soon denude the Colony of the good servants still to be found by anyone who has a claim to dub himself as a venture now to do—Yours.

A CONSIDERATE MASTER.

[We direct our correspondent's attention to the paragraph in our local columns with regard to the R. A. Mess-room servants.—ED. C.M.]

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

A NEW PSALM.

Give ear all ye who educate,
Yea, list ye, while I sing;
For I in song will celebrate
A truly wondrous thing.

How day by day, in effort vain,
They are heathen take,
Hour after hour, in grievous pain,
An English speech to make.

Foolish are they to think right
And just their customs are,
They seek 'gainst sense and truth to fight
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THE CHINA MAIL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1896.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Undersigned have been REMOVED to the FIRST FLOOR No. 7, PRAYA CENTRAL, NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, February 10, 1896. 324

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock (noon), on MONDAY, the 17th February next, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1895.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 19th February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 3, 1896. 271

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Twenty-Seventh Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th February, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the Year ending 31st December, 1895, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 19th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1896. 216

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Seventh Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th February, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the Year ending 31st December, 1895, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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SHEWAN & CO.,

Council Managers.

Hongkong, February 10, 1896. 329

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 24th February, 1896, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1895.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. COOKE,

Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, February 3, 1896. 272

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, January 17, 1896. 217

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STEAM TO SHANGHAI & KOBE.

The Co.'s Steamship

Maria Theresa

will be despatched for the above

places on or about

THURSDAY, the 13th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1896. 205

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FOR TAKOW.

The Steamship

Taiwan

will be despatched on

MUNDAY, the 17th

Instant.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1896. 341

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA SINGAPORE AND COchin.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

The Co.'s Steamship

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Capt. R. NELSON, will be

despatched as above on

TUESDAY, the 18th Instant, at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by the Steamer. First-class Saloon situated forward of the Engines.

A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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FOR SHANGHAI AND CHEFOO.

The Steamship

Kwei Lin

Captain H. W. HARRIS, will be

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Hongkong, December 5, 1895. 227

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 A.T. American Ship

Daniel Barnes

Master, shortly ex-

pected, will load here for the above

Port, and will be despatched on or about

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore B, and those in the body of the Harbour, or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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- From Poldair's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
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HONGKONG to TACOMA, \$225.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Hawke, 1/3,594 Tuesday 10th March.

Tacoma, 2/3,649 Tuesday April 7th.

Victoria, 3/3,167 Tuesday May 5th.

THE Steamer HANKOW, Captain W. S. Orr, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 10th March, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods, for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1896. 40

Mails.

RICKMERS LINE.

REGULAR MONTHLY SERVICES FROM BREMEN, MIDDLEBROOK, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG, VIA SUZZ CANAL to PENANG, SINGAPORE, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, HIGGO AND YOKOHAMA.

FROM HOME.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF THE NEW ELEGANT STEAMER RICKMERS, SHIPBUILDING AND SHIPBUILDING COMPANY OF BREMEN. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Dorothea Rickmers, 1/3,840 December.

Duke Rickmers, 1/3,700 January.

Maria Rickmers, 1/3,600 February.

Helene Rickmers, 1/3,533 March.

Sophie Rickmers, 1/3,449 April.

Elen Rickmers, 1/3,350 May.

Elizabeth Rickmers, 1/3,250 June.

FROM THE EAST.

VIA SINGAPORE to HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, and other Continental Ports, if sufficient inducement offers. (Taking Cargos at through rates to ANVERS, AMSTERDAM and ROTTERDAM).

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

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SPECIAL WINTER RATES. (From 1st November to 31st March).

One person, per day, \$3 to \$3.50.

One person, per week, 20 to 25.

One person, per month, 60.00.

Married couple (occupying one room) per day 5.00.

Married couple (occupying one room) per month, 110.00.

Married couple (occupying two rooms) per month, \$120 to 130.00.

Extra Bedroom, per month, 20.00.

Extra Bedroom, per day, 1.50.

For further Particulars, apply to THE MANAGER, New Victoria Hotel, Hongkong, October 10, 1895. 1476

FOR SALE.

Messrs. Kelly & Walsh's List include the following Works by Dr. Eitel:

EUROPE IN CHINA: The History of Hongkong, from the beginning to the year 1882. Hongkong, 1895. \$6.50.

HANDBOOK OF BUDDHISM: A Sanskrit-Chinese Dictionary. Second Edition. Hongkong, 1895. \$2.50.

THREE LECTURES on BUDDHISM: Third Edition. Hongkong, 1894. \$1.50.

FENGSHUI: Rudiments of Chinese Natural Science. Hongkong, 1873. \$2.00.

CHINESE DICTIONARY in the CANTON DIALECT. Four Volumes, with Appendix. Hongkong, 1877. \$10.00. Bound, \$11.50.

CHINESE SCHOOLBOOKS. Translated. I. The Trinitarian Classic. II. The Thousand Words Poem. \$0.50 per set. Hongkong, August 9, 1895. 1476

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—FEBRUARY 12, 1896

Stocks.	No. of Shares	Value	Price per share	Closing Quotations, Jan. 31.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank & Co., Ltd.	80,000	125	all	182 1/2 prem. = \$352.50, [buyers 241.10]
New Issue.				
Bank of China & Japan, Limited.	39,050	2	5 1/2 5	now.
" ordinary "	193,375	2	8 1/2 1.10	now.
" deferred "	1,230	2	12 1/2 2.20	buyers
National Bank of China, Limited.	10,200	2	10 1/2 2.10	\$27. sellers
MANUAL INSURANCES.				
Cantao Insurance Office, Ltd.	10,000	3	250 3	50 \$190. sellers
Cantao Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	2	63.33 2	25 7/8. buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	2	100 2	60. sales 220. sales and buyers
Shantou Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	2	100 2	20 1/2 26. sales and buyers
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	10,000	3	250 3	25 \$194. sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	3	100 2	60 \$121. sales and buyers
FINE INSURANCES.				
Cains Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	3	200 2	20 1/2 200. buyers
Longkow Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	6,000	3	250 3	60 \$287. sales and buyers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	3	125 all	150 % prem. = \$312.50, [sales and buyers 221.10]
CHINA AND MACAO, LTD.				
Chins and Macao S. S. Co., Ltd.	5,000	50	all	670. sales and sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	50	50	832. buyers
H. & D. & S. Steamship Co., Ltd.	50,000	20	all	507. sales and sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited.	60,000	2	10 all	602. buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.	20,000	10	2 1/2 10	24.80
Do. (now Issue)	20,000	2	10 1/2 1.10	22.10.
MINERALS.				
Gains Sugar Company, Limited.	20,000	8	100 all	\$112. buyers
Musco Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	8	100 all	\$69. sellers
H. & K. & W. Wool & Godown Co.	20,000	8	50 all	60. sellers
Wanchai Washhouse and Storage Company, Limited.	2,000	8	100 6	97.90. ex div.
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.	50,000	8	100 3	50 \$71. buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.	6,000	5	50 3	30 1/2 1.
Humphrys Estate & Finance Co.	28,400	10	all	50 1/2 2.20. sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500	5	50 3	40 1/2 3.18. sellers
HK. High-Low Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	5	100 all	\$84. sellers
Jebele Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	45,000	5	all	83. sellers and buyers
Panjin Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	4	all	80. sales and buyers
Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin.	12,000	Frs. 500	Frs. 572	
New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	50,000	3	all	[\$1.70. buyers
Rao Ance Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	2	1 1/2 10	\$4.30. sales
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500	3	100 5	50 now.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited.	6,000	5	50 all	55. sellers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	6,000	3	50 all	\$225. buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	60,000	5	10 all	\$13.33. sellers
Dakin, Chinkishan & Co., Ltd.	50,000	5	5 all	51.
EDGINGTON.				
HK. and China Co., Ltd.	7,000	5	10 all	\$100. buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.	30,000	3	10 8	86.60. sales
BUTCH AND OZMENT.				
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	600	3	25 26	221. sales and buyers
Hongkong Ice & Furn. Co., Ltd.	6,000	3	10 all	53.
Hongkong Ice Co., Limited.	6,000	3	25 all	57. ex div.
Hongkong R. & M. Marine & Storage Co., Ltd.	13,000	5	50 all	\$150. sellers
East Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 60. sales and buyers	
International Cotton Manufacturers Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 50. Tls. 47. buyers	
Lau-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 75. Tls. 72. buyers	
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	2,000	8	20 8	20 8. ex div.
Boy Chue Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	3,000	Tls. 600	Tls. 200. Tls. 200	
Bo. Founder's shares				
LANDS.	Acres.	Perch.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1880 m. Tls. 767.20	Tls. 250	7 1/2 % aduanum	10 1/2 % prem., sales	
				4. G. STOKES, Slave Broker.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over two ounces in weight are charged as double, triple, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bond or folded Supplements of the same paper and the same date. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books.

The sender of a Registered Article for a Union Country may obtain an acknowledgement of delivery on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers for each Office is limited to 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, except to Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Congo Free State, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hawaii, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Salvador, Spain,